



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**UNITED STATES ARMY FIRES CENTER OF EXCELLENCE AND FORT SILL**  
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**MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTION**

**SUBJECT: FY16 Themes for the Fires Bulletin**

1. Purpose. Originally founded in 1911 as the Field Artillery Journal, *Fires Bulletin* serves as a forum for the professional discussions of all Fires professionals, both Active and Reserve Component (RC); disseminates professional knowledge about progress, developments and best use in campaigns; cultivates a common understanding of the power, limitations and application of joint Fires, both lethal and nonlethal; fosters joint Fires interdependency among the armed services; and promotes the understanding of and interoperability between the branches, both Active and RC, all of which contribute to the good of the Army, joint and combined forces, and our nation.

2. The FCoE Commanding General has approved the recommended themes for the next twelve months distribution of the Fires Bulletin.

- a. Jan-Feb 2016: Redbook. The yearly Red Book is used as a year-in-review; giving our Fires force an opportunity to share through story and video submissions any unit achievements, highlight training success, community relation events, and lessons learned in 2015. The commanding general's forward is included to discuss the way ahead for Fires as well as a medium to congratulate the units who won the Henry A. Knox Award, Alexander Hamilton Award, and the James A. Shipton Award. The commandants for the respective artillery branches also discuss what they expect to see in 2016.
- b. Mar-Apr 2016: Integration of Fires. This issue serves as a gateway to the annual Fires Conference and generates interest in attendance through read-aheads from guest speakers and stories covering topics highlighted at the conference. As 13-series Soldiers merge on the battlefield with maneuver to create unified land operations, the Fires Targeting Center will be highlighted as a means to develop a sustainable targeting capability across the Army.
- c. May-June 2016: More Fires; Less Force. With the Army's active-duty end strength dropping to 450,000 by the end of FY 2017 the Fires force is leveraging the human dimension to support the Army's implementation of Force 2025 and Beyond. A leaner, more dynamic Army is navigating its way against elusive enemies in a time when restructuring and the return of division artillery and downsizing are occurring simultaneously. This issue will look into how enhancing the Fires platform through training, doctrine, and leader development allows Soldiers to effectively fight with less manpower.
- d. Jul-Aug 2016: Pieces of the Puzzle. This issue looks into how the Fires Soldier fights alongside sister services and allied forces to be effective throughout a theater. Soldiers execute

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joint training with Marines, Navy and Air Force personnel to simulate battlefield environments and prepare for real world threats. Stories will also look into how Soldiers work with allied forces to strengthen Joint International Multinational relations and learn better ways to defend critical assets from air and missile threats in a hybrid war.

- e. Sept-Oct 2016: The Army We Know and Love. The Army has always maintained its strength is in its diversity. That diversity goes beyond the uniform to the individual wearing it. The Army has combatted sexual harassment, gender equality in military occupational specialties and acceptance for lesbian gay, transgender and bisexual Soldiers. So much growth in a short expanse has created new stories to tell: from the Soldier who was able to marry their partner and have the same benefits of the traditional married couple; to the Soldier who is making history as one of the “first” women in their field. This issue will take the typical SHARP and ethics training and give it a human perspective.
  - f. Nov-Dec 2016: The Army’s Branches: The Evolving Duo. Honoring tradition creates a tremendous sense of pride in the ranks. This issue will converge on the commonality of the two branches and look at where the air defense and field artillery branches are rooted; to their emerging roles in counter fire, counter UAS and future Fires combat scenarios as the pillars of the Fires Warfighting Function.
3. POC for this memorandum is Marie Berberea, at 580-442-1090; or by email @ <mailto:usarmy.tradoc.mbx.fires-bulletin@mail.mil>.

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